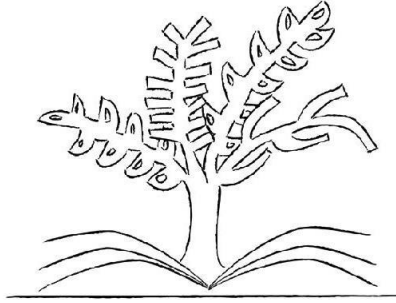


Sherwood Public Library



Dear Parent or Guardian,

Your child has recently received a library card at the Sherwood Public Library. This card allows free access to a wide range of materials including books, magazines, CDs, DVDs, and videos at fourteen libraries in Washington County. We hope that our Library will play a vital role in your child's life. The following information is provided to help you guide your child's responsible use of library materials and services.

You, as a parent, have that right and responsibility for yourself and your child. The Library does not have the right or responsibility to act *in loco parentis*. Therefore, staff may not tell children what they can or cannot select or access in the Library. If there are specific materials that you do not wish your child to borrow or to use in the Library, we encourage you as the parent to set your own family rules and to tell your child.

Library users, regardless of age, have access to all library materials including the Internet. Selection of library materials and resources is not limited by the possibility that these items may come into the possession of children. Parents or legal guardians have the responsibility to monitor the use of library materials, including use of the Internet and other electronic resources, by their own children. Please speak to your child about responsible use of the Internet. While the Internet offers access to many valuable resources, information on the Internet can be inaccurate, outdated, or offensive.

Library materials can be very expensive so please teach your child to treat them with care. Parents or guardians are responsible for loss or damage of library materials checked out by minors. For reasons of confidentiality, parents need to have the child's card with them to access information connected with that card. Without the child's card only information on delinquent or billed items can be disclosed to you as the financially responsible party.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Sherwood Public Library at 503-625-6688.

Thank you for using our Library.